

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0325A
Haruo YAMASHITA et al. : **Confirmation No. 6226**
Serial No. 10/571,296 : Group Art Unit 2629
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VISUAL PROCESSING DEVICE, VISUAL : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**
PROCESSING METHOD, VISUAL
PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of the information listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08.

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- (1) ☒ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or
(2) ☐ the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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2. It is hereby certified

- a. ☒ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)), or
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3. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, reference is made to one or more of the following:

- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
b. ☐ an International Search Report submitted herewith,
c. ☐ a foreign patent office search report or office action (in the English language) submitted herewith,

- d. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page ,
- e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- f. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

JP 2001-275015 corresponds to US 2002/0047911.

- 4. ☒ A Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection citing one or more of the references is enclosed. It is noted that JP 03-222577, JP 03-48980 and JP 11-501841 are cited in the Japanese Office Action. However it is noted that JP 03-222577, JP 03-48980 and JP 11-501841 were previously submitted in the IDSs filed on March 4, 2008 and October 20, 2009.

- 5. ☒ Statement Under 37 CFR 1.704(d)

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Respectfully submitted,

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